

**Subject:** Fwd: Alameda Corridor Transit Authority Encampments

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**Date:** 1/7/19, 2:08 PM

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Hi Emada,

Can you please look into this and see if anything happened at the Nadeau location today?

Thanks.

Brian

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From: Michael Castillo <mcastillo@ceo.lacounty.gov <mailto:mcastillo@ceo.lacounty.gov> >

Date: Sun, Jan 6, 2019 at 11:55 AM

Subject: RE: Alameda Corridor Transit Authority Encampments

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Brian,

Hello and Happy New Year. Sorry for the delayed response, I've been on vacation with intermittent access to emails.

I'm happy to read that the City does not support "storing items in the open." It seems that there was some miscommunication along the way with the efforts to address the Nadeau encampment. Before leaving for vacation a couple of weeks ago I was able to confirm that the ACTA will have storage containers at the ready tomorrow at Nadeau.

I am our contact for this issue and the ACTA contact is Manny Hernandez. Manny's emails address is [hernandez@TrenchTeam.com](mailto:hernandez@TrenchTeam.com) <mailto:hernandez@TrenchTeam.com> . He is very accessible and starts his work day at 6AM. Let me know if you need additional information from me or if I can assist further in any way.

Michael

From: Brian Buchner <brian.buchner@lacity.org <mailto:brian.buchner@lacity.org> >

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 1:52 PM

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Subject: Re: Alameda Corridor Transit Authority Encampments

Thanks, Christina, for looping us in.

Michael, that is an incorrect understanding or interpretation of the City's policies and procedures under LAMC 56.11. We do not store people's property "on site in the open" under any circumstances. We have dedicated storage sites across the City where we store all impounded property. When an individual needs access to their property, we deliver it directly to them within the hour no matter where in the City they are.

Please let us know who from your office and ACTA we should work with to address the encampments at Nadeau on January 7th. Coordination on the City side will occur through the Unified Homelessness Response Center.

Thanks.

Brian

On Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 7:42 AM Christina Miller <[christina.miller@lacity.org](mailto:christina.miller@lacity.org) <<mailto:christina.miller@lacity.org>> > wrote:

Thank you Michael for the summary of activity in this area. I am including Brian and Commander Choi so we can follow up on our side.

On Thu, Dec 20, 2018 at 9:48 AM Michael Castillo <[mcastillo@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:mcastillo@ceo.lacounty.gov) <<mailto:mcastillo@ceo.lacounty.gov>> > wrote:

Christina/Meg,

Hello, hope this finds you well (sorry for the long email). On November 21, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion instructing the CEO, LAHSA, and other stakeholders to develop a plan with the Alameda Corridor Transit Authority (ACTA) to develop a plan to address homeless encampments along the Corridor; attached is the Board report developed by our Office based on planning efforts with the aforementioned entities. This email serves to provide you with information on work done to date to address the encampments and to share some recent developments:

For the past 13 months Measure H funded outreach teams have conducted outreach at the various encampments along the Corridor, the most impacted and populated location is the Nadeau St. encampment. In addition to the engagement by the outreach teams the LASD Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) has also engaged our homeless neighbors living at said encampments, the HOST has mostly focused on Nadeau.

The teams have had a lot of success over the 13 months connecting folks to services, benefits, shelter, housing, family reunification, etc. Four of the 5 encampments (see map attached to Board report) no longer exist, however the Nadeau location continues to be inhabited. Most of the original dwellers at Nadeau are no longer living at the location, but a new group of inhabitants are now at the location. In November, I presented to the ACTA Board informing them of what's been accomplished to date and I submitted a recommendation to allow for more intensive engagement for another 6 to 8 weeks at the Nadeau site, which the Board agreed to.

It is not the practice of Measure H funded teams to "shuffle" our homeless neighbors from one location to another, but instead to work with them where they are. That said, because of the dangerous circumstances at Nadeau given the proximity to the railroad tracks it was recently decided that the Nadeau site must be closed. A clean up at the Nadeau site is scheduled for January 7th and at that time the ACTA will begin erecting a fence that cannot be breached to permanently close the site. I received a report yesterday informing me that there are 20 people at the Nadeau site remaining and the hope is that those individuals will accept services/shelter prior to January 7th. The plan is for intensive outreach and engagement to continue through January 7th and outreach teams as well as HOST to be on site on January 7th.

This week, on Monday, I was informed by the ACTA that the Nadeau site is City of LA property and that the ACTA must follow City Ordinance 56.11 in addressing the encampment (see attached email thread which begins with a December 4th email from the City Attorney to the ACTA). We, myself, Lt. Deedrick, and Measure H outreach supervisors, were informed that the plan under 56.11 would call for tearing down all structures and leaving them on the site for 90 days, i.e., store them on site in the open, which we feel is somewhat inhuman and could lead to a lawsuit.

Lt. Deedrick, HOST lead, and I informed the ACTA that if this is the plan Measure H funded outreach teams and the HOST cannot be on site on January 7th. As of Monday, Lt. Deedrick and I have had two conversations with ACTA staff and the ACTA staff subsequently informed their executive director of our need to pull back if the plan is store items on site, in the open. ACTA has since agreed to change the plan back to the original agreement, i.e., bring in storage units to store all personal items for up to 90 days that cannot be moved on January 7th. In addition, Lt. Deedrick and his team have been talking to the homeless persons on site at Nadeau this week to identify personal items versus trash and they've taken record of said conversations. This record will allow the cleaning crew to easily separate trash from personal items on January 7th.

Again, I apologize for the long email but Phil and I felt it was important to share all this information with you in the event you were not aware of what's been happening at Nadeau and what will take place over the next couple of weeks. Let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to discuss this matter.

Thanks,

Michael

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